

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MONTANA BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

U.S. MINERALS, INC.

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: CR 21-25-BU-DLC-1

USM Number:

Peter F. Lacny

Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	pleaded guilty to count(s)	I of the Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) which was accepted by the court	
<input type="checkbox"/>	was found guilty on count(s) after a plea of not guilty	

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section / Nature of Offense

42 U.S.C. § 7413(c)(4): Clean Air Act Violation - Negligent Endangerment

Offense Ended

02/01/2019

Count

1

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 5 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s)
- ☐ Count(s) ☐ is ☐ are dismissed on the motion of the United States

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

December 10, 2021

Date of Imposition of Judgment



Signature of Judge

Dana L. Christensen, District Judge

United States District Court

Name and Title of Judge

December 10, 2021

Date

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PROBATION

The defendant is hereby sentenced to probation for a term of: 5 years. This term of probation is intended to provide sufficient time for U.S. Minerals to pay the fine imposed in this judgment and to implement effective compliance and ethics programs consistent with U.S.S.G. § 8B2.1, consisting of Attachment A to this judgment (Environmental Health and Safety Compliance Plan) and Attachment B to this judgment (Medical Monitoring Program), which programs the Court hereby approves.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. ☒ You must pay the assessment imposed in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3013.
3. ☒ If this judgment imposes a fine, you must pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

You must comply with any additional conditions on the attached page.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. I understand additional information regarding these conditions is available at <https://www.mtp.uscourts.gov/post-conviction-supervision>.

Defendant's Signature _____

Date _____

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

- (1) The organization shall develop and submit to the court an effective compliance and ethics program consistent with §8B2.1 (Effective Compliance and Ethics Program) (**see Attachments A and B**). The organization shall include in its submission a schedule for implementation of the compliance and ethics program and medical monitoring program.
- (2) Upon approval by the court of a program referred to in paragraph (1) (Special Condition 1), the organization shall notify its employees and shareholders of its criminal behavior and its programs referred to in paragraph (1) (Special Condition 1). Such notice shall be in a form prescribed by the court.
- (3) The organization shall make periodic submissions to the court or probation officer, at intervals specified by the court, (A) reporting on the organization's financial condition and results of business operations, and accounting for the disposition of all funds received, and (B) reporting on the organization's progress in implementing the program referred to in paragraph (1) (Special Condition 1). Among other things, reports under subparagraph (B) shall disclose any criminal prosecution, civil litigation, or administrative proceeding commenced against the organization, or any investigation or formal inquiry by governmental authorities of which the organization learned since its last report.
- (4) The organization shall notify the court or probation officer immediately upon learning of (A) any material adverse change in its business or financial condition or prospects, or (B) the commencement of any bankruptcy proceeding, major civil litigation, criminal prosecution, or administrative proceeding against the organization, or any investigation or formal inquiry by governmental authorities regarding the organization.
- (5) The organization shall submit to: (A) a reasonable number of regular or unannounced examinations of its books and records at appropriate business premises by the probation officer or experts engaged by the court; and (B) interrogation of knowledgeable individuals within the organization. Compensation to and costs of any experts engaged by the court shall be paid by the organization.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>JVTA</u> <u>Assessment**</u>	<u>AVAA</u> <u>Assessment*</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	\$125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$393,200.00	\$.00

- ☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until *An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case*
(AO245C) will be entered after such determination.
☐ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

- ☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$
- ☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).
- ☒ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the interest requirement is waived for the | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fine | <input type="checkbox"/> restitution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the interest requirement for the | <input type="checkbox"/> fine | <input type="checkbox"/> restitution is modified as follows: |

*Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

** Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22

*** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A** ☒ Lump sum payment of the \$ 125.00 special assessment due immediately, balance due
☒ not later than December 10, 2021, or
☐ in accordance with ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or
- B** ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C** ☒ Payment of the \$393,200.00 fine in three annual installments of \$ 100,000.00 followed by one final annual installment of \$93,200.00, to commence 30 days after the date of this judgment; or
- D** ☐ Payment in equal 20 (*e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly*) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (*e.g., months or years*), to commence _____ (*e.g., 30 or 60 days*) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E** ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ (*e.g., 30 or 60 days*) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F** ☐ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:
Criminal monetary penalty payments are due during imprisonment at the rate of not less than \$25.00 per quarter, and payment shall be through the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program. Criminal monetary payments shall be made to the Clerk, United States District Court, P.O. Box 8537, Missoula, MT 59807 or online at <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/790999918>. Please see www.mtd.uscourts.gov/criminal-debt for more information on how to pay online.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

- ☐ Joint and Several
See above for Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (*including defendant number*), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.
- ☐ Defendant shall receive credit on his restitution obligation for recovery from other defendants who contributed to the same loss that gave rise to defendant's restitution obligation.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☐ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVT Assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.